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Potential Lead Poisoning Hazard Prompts Recall of Makoti Threshing Show Ingot

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced a voluntary recall of the 2006 Makoti commemorative lead ingot. The ingot, with the word “MAKOTI” in raised relief letters, was distributed as a souvenir of the Makoti Threshing Show Oct. 7 and 8, 2006. The ingot, which is about 1.5 inches wide by 6 inches long, is 70 percent lead.

No incidents or injuries associated with the ingot have been reported; however, the ingot should be removed from the environment of young children immediately. Lead and lead dust are toxic and, if ingested by young children, can cause adverse health effects, including severe and often permanent mental, emotional and physical injuries. The ingots should be handled as little as possible until they can be disposed of properly in a collection box at the Plaza-Makoti C-Store located at 33800 Highway 23. The box will remain at the C-Store until Nov. 25, 2006.

People with questions about lead poisoning are urged to contact their local public health unit or physician, or call Sandi Washek, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.5188. Additional information on lead poisoning is also available at www.health.state.nd.us/AQ/IAQ/LBP/.

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